



Arkansas: Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday. A little cooler tonight and Wednesday.

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

Alex. H. Washburn

Paragraphs

The real test of Christmas toys is the way they stand up to the handling of adults before being reluctantly turned over to the youngsters next Saturday morning.

The United States Supreme Court gave evidence of self-interest in deciding yesterday that it wouldn't help the Japanese war criminals who had been convicted by MacArthur's military tribunal. The supreme court was asked as well as the next man that if the Japs hadn't been whipped there wouldn't have been either a military tribunal or a supreme court.

The fact that Christmas falls on Saturday this year revives a long-time thought of this writer. Maybe it will jar on you, but certainly it would be beneficial to all the working people of the land. The idea is to move all holidays to the nearest Monday, using—as we will have this Christmas—a longer week-end. Organized labor had that idea when it established Labor day on a Monday. There is no earthly reason why Thanksgiving should be celebrated on a Thursday. It could just as well be called on a Monday.

If China changes governments and loses all American relief money her face will be really Red.

The only time a cold remedy is any good is when you don't have one.

Speech by Labor Leader Is Model for Industrial Peace

By JAMES THRASHER

We hope that a lot of people on both sides of the labor-management fence took note of the speech that AFL Vice President Matthew Woll made before the annual Congress of American Industry in New York.

A true and reliable safeguard of free enterprise as well as the solution of our labor difficulties," said Mr. Woll, "is to make clear to all that it is the manifest duty of all free men to advance the common good by voluntary agreement and not by compulsion of law.

"If Americans fail to solve labor-management problems by co-operation and have to resort to compulsion, we will witness the failure of our system and give color to the claims of the Communists.

"Had management and labor in years past been fully aware of the importance of reaching collective understanding in a significant way, they would have been fewer attempts made through irritating, restrictive and compulsory forms of legislation affecting the rights of both."

Another "Phoney War" is being fought. And the setting, the speaker and the audience gave them added significance. Here was an executive of organized labor speaking to executives of industry about the part each of both groups and about their consequences. His words were a model for the friendliness and moderation that both groups must practice if American industry is to grow and prosper in a free atmosphere.

Certainly the members of the National Association of Manufacturers, who made up Mr. Woll's audience, know that voluntary agreement is better than compulsion. They know the history of stubbornness, bitterness, crookedness and suppression on both sides that has brought government more and more into the labor-management picture. And most important, we know they are ready to admit that all the sin was not on the other side.

But it is one thing for management and labor to agree pleasantly at a convenient meeting, and quite another to continue that agreement on ways and means across the table in contrast negotiations or in their daily working relations.

And there is another problem. Nobody knows what sort of new rules the government will lay down for labor and management. For the voting strength of union labor and the financial strength of industrial executives are both strong political influences. No matter what the government does, it will have to keep government out of collective bargaining, they cannot keep themselves out of the political process of choosing our government and its lawmakers.

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Expert Accused on Spy Charge Dies in Plunge

New York, Dec. 21 — (UP) — A former state department official, listed in congressional testimony as one of the six persons in the department who allegedly handed out secrets to Red spies died last night in a 16-story plunge.

Lawrence Duggan, 43, an expert on Latin-American affairs who served in state department from 1930 to 1941, dropped to death from a window of his Manhattan office as espionage probes planned to question him.

The medical examiners office said the circumstances of his death were "undetermined pending further investigation." Police said Duggan either jumped or fell from the window.

Rep. Mundt (R-S.D.), acting chairman of the house committee on anti-communism, revealed in Washington that a witness had named Duggan in secret testimony as one of six people in the state department who another person had said passed out confidential information.

Duggan died on the eve of the scheduled appearance before a spy-hunting federal grand jury of Francis B. Sayre, former assistant secretary of state, whose office secrets allegedly were leaked, according to testimony in another phase of the inquiry.

At the time of his death Duggan was president of the Institute of International Education. The institute, devoted to promoting international understanding and the exchange of students among various nations, was founded with aid from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

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Holiday Mishaps to Be Sad for Some 20,000

Chicago, Dec. 21 — (UP) — The national safety council warned today that 20,000 persons may be killed and permanently injured in accidents during the coming holiday period.

"Don't let death take your holiday," the council warned. President Neal H. Dearborn said that the red and green Christmas colors have special significance for safety.

"The red is a warning to stop carelessness that may cause needless accidents," he said. "The green is a go-ahead signal for extra caution, common sense, and courtesy to bring a safer Christmas for all."

Dutch Meet No Resistance in Indonesia

Batavia, Java, Dec. 21 — (AP) — Dutch forces appeared today to be slashing methodically across transport lines of the Indonesian republic in Central Java.

A Netherlands communiqué announced Dutch Marines have seized Tuban, a republic port on the north shore of the island, and moved to the outskirts of Badjonegara, a highway center 25 miles to the southwest.

Dutch troops, it said, captured Pati, on the coastal railway 75 miles west of Tuban, and Bojola, an inland gateway to Soerakarta, the republic's second city.

The republic's first city and capital, Jogjakarta, was seized by air-borne forces Sunday in the campaign which the Dutch call a "police action" against terrorists.

The Indonesian office in Singapore quoted a clandestine republican broadcast as saying "heavy fighting has broken out in Jogjakarta, in which 52 Dutch parachute troops were killed."

Armed revolts against the Dutch were reported in the republic's east, where the Dutch said they had captured a number of places in Java. The broadcast said Republican guerrillas captured Kebangsaan. There was no intimation of such actions in the Dutch-censored dispatches from Batavia.

President Soekarno, his major ministers and his military commander in chief, Gen. Soedirman, are in Dutch custody.

The Dutch struck across Republican demarcation lines in both Java and Sumatra after they would set up a federal interim regime for Indonesia (The Netherlands East Indies) without the republic.

The announcement of the capture of Pati was the first indication that Dutch troops were operating in that area which is 30 miles north-east of the old line separating Dutch ruled and Republican territory.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21 — (UP) — A man and woman were burned to death today and 50 guests fled to safety or were rescued when a fire broke out in a hotel here.

Five persons including three guests, were burned. Several were carried down ladders by firemen after shouting for help while clinging to the front window ledge.

The dead were identified as Mrs. M. Drost, about 73, who works as a baby sitter, and Charles Mabe, 35, a Veterans Administration employee.

Several firemen and policemen were injured when they dashed into the burning building to rescue sleeping occupants. Most of the guests fled into the early morning cold with coats thrown hastily over their nightclothes.

The flames broke out shortly before 3 a. m. and were spotted by guests who saw the reflection of the fire in windows across the street. While they were telephoning an alarm, two motorcycle policemen cruising by saw the fire and after turning in an alarm dashed into the building.

Officials declined to speculate on the possibility that this fire might have been the result of a reduced Marshall plan aid to Holland. Dr. Soekarno, Indonesian president, urged that the United States "seriously" consider this during a 45-minute conference with acting Secretary of State Robert A. Lovett yesterday.

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Winter Hits Wide Section, 45 Known Dead

By United Press

Temperatures plunged in the mid-west today as high winds whistled across the Great Lakes on the heels of a heavy snowstorm that took 45 lives and buried New York City under its third worst fall in history.

The mercury was expected to fall to 15 degrees below zero in some parts of the Dakotas and Minnesota by Wednesday morning. It was one above zero at Pembina N. D., at 3 a. m. today.

However, Forecaster Julius Badner said the falling temperatures would not constitute a "real cold wave" because the drop would be gradual.

He blamed the colder weather on a storm, both in North Pacific which swept across Canada and into Minnesota last night.

Today the storm's gallop-like winds were whipping snow across Northern Wisconsin and upper Michigan and bringing furies as far south as Chicago and Northern Indiana.

He warned that the storm could "give the North Atlantic state considerable trouble" if it picked up strength in moving across the Great Lakes.

A mass of cold air moving behind the storm front, he said, will push temperatures lower throughout the Dakotas, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan and most of Missouri by tomorrow.

Another body of cold air is moving southward along the Pacific coast, he said, threatening to shove the mercury downward in Northern California.

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The legislative yuan met today. About 500 of its 750 members did not show up. Many have already fled Nanking, which lies on the south bank of the Yangtze.

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Death, Instead of Santa Visits Memphis Youth

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 21 — (UP) — Death instead of Santa Claus came today for 15-year-old, red-haired Harold David Humble.

The youngster was crushed to death beneath the wheels of an eighteen cement mixer truck while on his way home from school yesterday.

Police said the driver sped off at high speed as the boy's broken body lay in the street. As his parents prepared funeral services for his son, all law enforcement agencies sought Harold David's killer and officers reconstructed the tragedy.

James Alton Barnes, a youthful companion, said Harold David and his young friend were playing tag after leaving the first grade classroom of the Peabody school.

"You can't catch a flea," Harold shouted mischievously at James, and darted from the sidewalk directly into the path of the truck.

He was killed instantly. The truck sped on and no one noticed the firm name or license number.

Harold Humble, the blue-eyed youngster's father and an X-ray technician at Kennedy Veterans hospital, later added the poignant note of Christmas tragedy for reporters.

"David had said he wanted Santa to bring him a large bicycle for Christmas," Humble said. "It was all ready for him along with the other presents he wanted."

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Shooting Phase Believed Over in China War

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Freedom Comes to Fire After Years of Battle

Dublin, Dec. 21 — (AP) — Fire became a free and independent republic today.

Ireland's centuries-long and often bloody struggle for freedom came to a peaceful end as President Sean T. O'Kelly signed Fire out of the British commonwealth.

O'Kelly approved a bill of the Irish constitutional between Fire and the British crown and commonwealth.

The repeal actually becomes effective on an "independence day" which Prime Minister John A. Costello's government is expected to proclaim early in the spring.

The delay will give the two nations time to work out a new alignment of economic and political relationships.

The English conquest of Ireland began with an invasion in 1169 and was helped by a rift among Irish chieftains.

The Irish fought for freedom in 1398, 1641, 1649 and 1699. Then the rebels went underground for more than 100 years. They rose again in 1803, 1848 and 1867.

But it was the bloody rebellion of 1916 which broke the British authority. The rebellion was planned by the citizen army and the left wings of the volunteers and Sinn Fein.

In the guerrilla war that followed, Britain used the hated black-and-tans in an effort to hold her position. (Their name came from the color of their uniforms).

In 1918 Britain passed a military service bill which applied to Ireland. It was never enforced but it rekindled independence fervor.

The Sinn Feiners won the 1918 election and, meeting in Dublin as the Irish Free State assembly, passed a declaration of independence.

British public opinion forced Prime Minister David Lloyd George to enter into negotiations with the Irish Free State.

George De Valera, in December 1921 a treaty was signed giving Fire the political status of the dominion of Canada.

For 20 years Fire pondered the desirability of walking alone, outside the empire. But the final step—the repeal act—was not introduced in the Fire parliament until last Nov. 17. A probable factor in the delay was the hope that the six years of the war would join in a united Ireland. But today the so-called protestant counties remain steadfast with Britain.

Swine and forestry programs for Hempstead County in 4-H Club demonstration work will be explained and discussed over Radio Station KXAR in Hope on the Farm Breakfast Program at 7 a. m. Monday, December 27.

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Jus to Prove There Really Is a Santa Claus

Detroit, Dec. 20 — (AP) — A number of kids were gathered around a department store Santa Claus Saturday when 35-year-old Woodrow Wilson Long elbowed through and climbed into Santa's lap.

"I took three of us to get him off," Detective Charles Lobbs told Recorder's Judge Paul E. Krause today.

"What were you asking Santa for?" asked Judge Krause. "I don't know," Long replied hanging his head. "I guess I just had one too many."

"Okay, I'll play Santa Claus this time," said the court, dismissing an intoxication charge.

Scientists to Go Ahead With Atom Work

Chicago, Dec. 21 — (UP) — Dr. Gerhart Grotzinger said today that he does not consider himself a physicist, but a "martyr to science" because atomic radiation causes catarracts which cloud his vision.

He said he plans to keep right on with his research work in atomic energy.

"I do not see how I could keep any prospective experimenters out of the field, since there were so few men affected," he said.

"And the ones who have received a minor handicap, such as this, really are not playing the roles of martyrs. There are many scientists, whose names will never be known to the great mass of the republic, who have given more than we have—much more."

It was revealed yesterday that five scientists suffered catarracts after helping set up cyclotrons at the University of Illinois. Head of the University of Illinois, physics department, said three of them—Grotzinger, P. Gerald Kruger and Lloyd Smith—suffered impaired vision after helping set up the Illinois cyclotron in 1933. Long, who is certain of the names of the other two scientists but said their cases developed in connection with work at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

Grotzinger is now at the University of Chicago. Kruger is at the Illinois campus in Champaign, and Smith is at the University of California.

Kruger said at Champaign that his eyes had been afflicted by cyclotron radiation but refused to elaborate.

Smith, who is 26, said in California that he suffered eye damage at Illinois when he stayed inside the cyclotron after it was started to make final adjustments on the machine. At that time, he said, the degree of radiation was determined by a blood count and the danger of "fast" neutrons produced in the machine was not known.

Smith said he partially lost the vision in both eyes. He plans to have an operation within a month on his right eye, which is becoming progressively worse.

Grotzinger said he was not "worried" about his eyesight. He said he first noticed the catarract in 1936.

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Studio Ordered to Pay Writer Back Wages

Los Angeles, Dec. 21 — (AP)—Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer movie studio is under federal court order today to reinstate Screen Writer Lester Cole in his \$1,350-a-week job and pay him about \$75,000 back salary. Judge Leon R. Yankwich, yesterday sharply criticized Eric Johnston, president of the motion picture association of major producers, and upheld a jury verdict last Friday in Cole's favor after trial of his reinstatement suit.

Cole was one of 10 Hollywood figures suspended by their studios a year ago after they were charged with contempt of congress for refusing to tell the house committee on un-American activities whether they were Communists. Cole's is the first suit of its type tried. He and the other nine have damage suits aggregating \$69,000,000, pending. Johnston has a conspiracy to prevent them from working in pictures.

Judge Yankwich ruled the Cole suspension was void. Johnston is a dramatic, a dramatic type of man has long existed in the United States, confined in the past to certain types of clergyman. Mr. Johnston has demonstrated that it has reached the sacred precincts of business.

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Prescott News

Wednesday, December 22

The annual Christmas program will be presented by pupils of the First Christian Church School at the church Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

There will be an all church Christmas tree and worship and social service at First Baptist church at 7 p.m.

Friday, December 24
The Sunday School Christmas tree and program by the children and young people of the Presbyterian church will be held in the Men's Fellowship rooms Friday night at 6:30 p.m.

The Benjamin Culp Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution enjoyed an informal chicken spaghetti supper and Christmas program Friday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Hesterly with Mrs. W. G. Bensberg, assistant hostess.

The Hesterly home was gaily decorated with Christmas decorations and greenery.

The serving table was covered with a white cutwork cloth and the central arrangement was of nandinas and berries.

Following the supper the chapter and their guests sang Christmas carols. Rev. Bensberg told the beautiful story of "The Star of Bethlehem" after which informal singing of old familiar songs and conversation were enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Horace McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bryson, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hamby, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Tompkins, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Berry Hesterly, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dabrymple, Mr. and Mrs. Wells Hamby, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Thomas, Miss Frances Thrasher, Mrs. W. M. Blackshare, Mrs. E. L. Cass and Mrs. N. D. Allen.

Misses Kay King and Patsy Griffin entertained with an informal party Friday evening at the American Legion Hut. The mantel was decorated with holly and Christmas lights. A table held a red bowl filled with holly and a brown jar filled with pine and holly was placed on the bar where cold drinks were served.

Games and dancing were enjoyed. A sandwich plate was served to the fifty-five guests present.

A beautiful Baptismal Font has been given to the Presbyterian church in memory of Andrew M. and Ida M. Donnan by their children. A dedication service is planned for the near future.

The engagement of Miss Iva Laura Tyson to Clifford Harold Tazelaar, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tazelaar of Washington, D.C. has been announced by her parents, the Reverend and Mrs. Joe Tyson of Prescott. The wedding will be an event of Monday, December 27, in the home of the bride-elect's parents. Miss Tyson is a graduate of Eastern Nazarene Academy, Boston, Mass. and was a member of the Sigma Delta Kappa society. Mr. Tazelaar served three years as a second lieutenant in the Infantry in Germany. He attended Eastern Nazarene College at Boston, was affiliated with Sigma Delta Zeta society. He is

Hope Star

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now enrolled as a theological student in Bethany Peniel College, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ingram and children left Saturday for Clinton, Ind. to be the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hewlett and family.

Jim Bemis, student at Texas A & M College, College Station, Texas, has arrived to spend the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Bemis.

Mrs. Tom Logan and daughter, Judy Ruth left Saturday for Memphis, Tenn. to join Mr. Logan where they will make their home.

Charles Tompkins Jr., student at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, is the holiday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Tompkins.

Mr. J. R. Bemis and sons left Friday night for Clinton, Ind. to be holiday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Simpson. Mr. Bemis will join them later.

Miss Doty Yancey, who attends Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Yancey.

Mrs. Otto Stephenson has returned from Conway where she was a guest of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Archer and family. Friends of little Miss Sarah Jane Archer who recently underwent an emergency appendectomy will be pleased to learn that she is recovering rapidly.

Miss Sue Jones, student at Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway is spending the Christmas season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jones.

Court Docket

City Docket

Wilton Edwards, no driver's license, forfeited \$5 cash bond.

Herman Hartsfield, incorrect parking, forfeited \$1 cash bond.

D. E. Ekins, running a stop sign in front of fire truck, forfeited \$5 cash bond.

Charles Breedlove, speeding, forfeited \$5 cash bond.

Leon Austin, speeding, forfeited \$5 cash bond.

J. C. Howard, speeding, forfeited \$10 cash bond.

Mose Hicks, attempt to obtain money by false pretense, plea guilty, fined \$100.

Robert Small, attempt to obtain money by false pretense, forfeited \$100 cash bond.

Rose Sumpter, attempt to obtain money by false pretense, forfeited \$250 cash bond.

Geneva Murphy, Wilson Carter, Annie J. Cole, disturbing peace, forfeited \$10 cash bond.

Sallie Lou Hall, selling intoxicating liquor, forfeited \$50 cash bond.

Alex. Friserson, possessing untaxed intoxicating liquor, forfeited \$150 cash bond.

Charles Graham, possessing untaxed intoxicating liquor, forfeited \$50 cash bond.

Charles Brown, possessing untaxed intoxicating liquor, forfeited \$50 cash bond.

Engene Franklin, assault and battery, forfeited \$25 cash bond.

H. C. White, drunkenness, plea of guilty, fined \$10.

The following forfeited \$10 cash bond on a charge of drunkenness: Helen Smith, Henry Ray, C. O. Gibson, Lee Williams, Winston Booth, Ira Bishop, I. H. Hill, O. A. Oiler, Earl Thornton, Roy Bradford, Edward Simpson.

Carl Lee Jackson, drunk while driving, forfeited \$25 cash bond.

State Docket

Jess Atkins, drunkenness, plea guilty, fined \$25.

Hurt Burton, drunkenness, plea guilty, fined \$10.

Sevier Nelson, drunkenness, forfeited \$10.

Walter Burton, Walter Burton, D. L. Hubbard, giving an overdraft, dismissed on payment costs, check paid.

Earl Clark, drunk while driving, forfeited \$25 cash bond.

Guy Wardlow, indecent exposure, tried, fined \$100. Notice of appeal, bond fixed at \$150.

A. E. Finnegan, assault and battery, forfeited \$25 cash bond.

The following forfeited \$25 cash bond on a charge of overboard: Charles Bister, R. H. Rowan, C. M. McVey, P. L. Morris, C. E. Mardica, J. C. McAdams, Charlie Vernon, T. C. McVey, Johnnie Rockland.

Will Morrow, carnal abuse, examination waived. Held to Grand Jury. Bond fixed at \$250.

Earl Burton, disposing of mortgaged property, examination waived. Held to Grand Jury. Bond fixed at \$250.

Walter Burton, disposing of mortgaged property, examination waived. Held to Grand Jury. Bond fixed at \$250.

Jack Stanford, hunting without license, dismissed.

Guy Wardlow, disturbing peace

Legal Battle Resumed on Movie Ban

Memphis, Dec. 21 (AP)—A legal battle resumed today over the Memphis censor board's 1947 decision banning the film comedy "Curley" because of its mixed Negro and white juvenile cast.

The circuit court fight opened yesterday as Judge F. M. Henderson considered the technical question of whether the movie companies had the right to fight the censor board's action.

Q. Roosevelt Reported on Crashed Plane

Shanghai, Dec. 21 — (AP)— Local aviation sources said that Quentin Roosevelt was on the Chinese air liner which crashed and burned at near Hong Kong today with the possible loss of all 23 persons aboard.

The grandson of President Theodore Roosevelt is a vice president of the Chinese National Airlines corporation. It was a CNAC C-54 Skymaster which crashed on Baifu island, 10 miles from Hong Kong. Aviation circles said Roosevelt left for Hong Kong on a business trip this morning. They added there was no doubt he was on the plane, although two other CNAC planes left at about the same time for Hong Kong.

Hong Kong, Dec. 21 — (AP)—A Chinese national airlines plane crashed and burned today ten miles from Hong Kong and all 23 persons aboard were believed killed.

The C-54 Skymaster was flying from Shanghai to Hong Kong and fell in the fog of Baifu island within sight of its goal.

TO GET LEAVES
Tel Aviv, Israel, Dec. 21 — (AP)— All Christian volunteers serving in Israel's army will get one day's Christmas leave. They number about 80, mostly from the United States and Canada, a spokesman said today.

dismissed.
Dora Lee Howard, disturbing peace, dismissed.
Wilson Goisten, possession of untaxed intoxic. liquor, tried, found not guilty.

Guy Wardlow, indecent exposure, tried, fined \$100. Notice of appeal,

Old Labor Case Revived in Court

Little Rock, Dec. 20 (AP)—A much litigated case involving violence in a 1945 labor strike was revived again today by the Arkansas Supreme court.

The high court, acting on its own motion and without comment, withdrew its opinion of last Oct. 23 upholding one-year prison sentences of Lay Cole and Louis Jones, Little Rock Negroes. They were convicted of violating the state's anti-violence law.

The Negroes' appeal from that conviction will be considered as remaining under submission, the Supreme court's order said.

This is the fourth time the Supreme court has acted on the case. Cole, Jones, and Jesse Bean, another Negro employee, were convicted in Pulaski Circuit court after another Negro was killed in a strike here in December, 1945. The Supreme court affirmed the conviction of Cole and Jones but dismissed the charges against Bean.

Cole and Jones made another appeal to the Supreme court, which upheld the sentences again Oct. 23.

The Supreme court ruled 4 to 3

that civil suits against members of the Arkansas State Police force based on their official acts may be tried only in Pulaski county.

The divided court issued a writ of prohibition preventing Circuit Judge Thomas E. Toler from trying in Grant county a civil suit in which five persons seek damages from state policemen Calvin J. Downey and Melvin R. Sanders. The plain tiffs allege the officers wrongfully assaulted them while they were under arrest.

Associate Justices Minor Millwee, Frank G. Smith and R. W. Robins dissented.

The high court recessed for the holiday season until Jan. 3.

Man Charged With Rape of Young Girl at Texarkana

Texarkana, Dec. 21 — (AP)— A charge of rape was to be filed against a 27-year-old Malta, Tex., man by District Attorney Maxwell Welch today with an attack on a 16-year-old Texarkana girl Sunday.

Welch said the man, whose name he did not disclose, is held in the Bowie county jail at New Boston, Tex., about eight miles west of here, early Sunday morning.

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By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.
Written for NEA Service

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Fair Enough

By Westbrook Pegler

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Washington, Dec. 20 — There have been three Frankfurters on the federal payroll. Felix on the supreme court, Otto on the treasury and in the office of strategic services, where she was in charge of personnel, and, finally, Otto.

Otto is quite a boy. He did two prison terms years ago in a career as a confidence man which would seem to have been unsuccessful, but when the great war for democracy came on he landed in the treasury spending public money.

Since the victory he has returned to the service of mankind and he is now building that brave new world of the future. To that end he has joined the Paris force of the economic cooperation administration as an economic specialist in the trade and payments branch of the office of the special representative in Paris.

A handout by the E.C.A. in Washington, dated Oct. 7, said that Otto had been the chairman of the New York Board of Trade's Marshall plan committee and would now "be in charge of a program concerning chemicals, drugs, pharmaceutical hospital supplies and other products."

"He was the handout continued, 'procurement officer for the treasury department, buying lead, drugs, pharmaceuticals, chemicals and hospital supplies until Oct. 1942,' when he resigned to go into private enterprise."

He is 64, a native of Austria and a graduate of the college of pharmacy of Columbia University.

Other names which Otto used in his early career, as listed in a report from the Pinkerton Detective Agency to the warden of the Iowa State Reformatory, Anamosa, Iowa on Jan. 20, 1909, include: Theodore Wilbur, Ned Frankfurter, Ned Frankfort, E. J. Walters, W. J. Dawson and B. B. Braun.

"Register No. at Washington, D. C. is 224," this report says: "Arrested March 7, 1905, on three charges of obtaining money by false pretenses. Convicted on all three charges. On two charges was fined \$50 and, in default of jail, to serve five months in jail on each charge."

On the other hand, the charge was sentenced to one year and one day in West Virginia State Penitentiary. Date of sentence, June 12, 1905. He has relatives in the east who are quite respectable. It appears that the man you have in the black sheep, we understand that his brother is connected with the office of the district attorney in New York.

Yours truly, William A. Pinkerton.

Otto Nedham, Frankfurter was received at Anamosa, May 6, 1909, from Ida county, where, the record indicated, he had pleaded guilty to cheating by false pretenses and was sentenced to seven years. He was released Feb. 6, 1914, with thirty charges of minor misconduct on his report card, although he was punished only once. His conduct reports read "poor." He seemed to have been just fresh—not difficult.

He corresponded with Felix Frankfurter (B)—meaning brother—in New York and in Washington as an assistant U. S. attorney in New York, under Henry L. Stimson, whom he made secretary of war during the late great war, from 1906 to 1910. The Anamosa record shows that the inmate wrote to the chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, asking for further information in the United States attorneys office in New York.

In 1913 a person signing himself Felix Frankfurter wrote the Anamosa warden asking permission to send Otto Christmas boxes of candy or cake. The warden was turned down. Regulations forbade.

A criminal docket in the justice division of the national archives in Washington shows that in June, 1905, on a plea of guilty, Theodore G. Wilbur got a year and a day in Moundsville, W. Va., for a small swindle. The indictment said he presented a sight draft for \$35 on A. C. Thaler, 13th St. and Broadway, New York, falsely stating that he worked for that firm.

The Washington record does not identify Wilbur as Frankfurter and the Pinkerton file on the Anamosa warden in 1909 would be the only evidence that the Wilbur and Otto Nedham Frankfurter were the same man but for the fact that Edward Bruce, the deputy administrator of the Economic Cooperation Administration, said: "He came clean."

Mr. Bruce, second to Paul G. Hoffman, administrator, now in Europe, said: "He didn't tell us about his record and he didn't tell his wife. He was married 30 years ago. We have dismissed others for lying but to fire a man for that we must say that he had told the truth and we would not have fired him. That is not so in this case. Frankfurter worked in the treasury for two years during the war. He came to me as a chairman of a committee on export or something. He was making a good account of himself over there in Paris."

Hoffman said: "I'm damned if I'm going to crucify him on account of that."

I do not know how Otto got by the F. B. I. I had no part in it. I was in a position of trust spending public money for the treasury. But in the E. C. A. he was turned up on the second check, which goes back as far as any data exist. That is a first check with a quick check and incomplete."

He might be convicted of perjury in swearing that he had never been convicted. Mr. Bruce said, "But he said he had not used to think he had not told anyone. At first he denied it to Hoffman."

"Felix Frankfurter did not put him in here. He didn't want him in. He said 'I'm working here in Washington and I don't want him here.'"

Bryan Houston, the director of press information of the E. C. A., considered the possibility that a man with such a past might yield to temptation to ship back narcotics.

"But he will be watched so closely."

Oregon Arrives in Dallas for Bowl Contest

Dallas, Dec. 21 —(AP)—The Cotton Bowl picture was complete today —Oregon was in Dallas working across town from Southern Methodist for their Jan. 1 football game. The Webfoots, 27 strong, arrived last night from Eugene, Ore., in a chartered plane to be greeted by Dallas and Cotton Bowl notables. The squad was whisked to its hotel for dinner then had a brief work-out under the lights at the high school field.

Webfoots got down to serious business as they started two-day practice sessions this morning. Coach Jim Aiken called for a scrimmage.

Aiken said his squad was in excellent condition.

Rival Leagues Still at Odds in Pro Ranks

Philadelphia, Dec. 21 —(UP)—The National Football League and the All-American Conference were set to hold separate player drafts today in the pro ranks.

An attempt to establish peace between the two loops ended in failure yesterday when five NFL players and five AAC owners continued to disagree after an all-day "peace" meeting.

So, the NFL was slated to begin its annual player draft here at 10 a. m. while the AAC starts listing the college players it wants at 8:30 a. m. in Cleveland. The league was set for some more of the out-throat competition for talent that has injured owners of both leagues financially.

Arthur McBride, owner of the AAC Cleveland Browns, revealed that the basic disagreement at the meeting was that the AAC wanted to keep two leagues operating while the NFL wanted to admit only one league, the National Football League.

The NFL teams to their league, the AAC wanted to keep two leagues operating while the NFL wanted to admit only one league, the National Football League.

On the other hand, the AAC proposed that both leagues be maintained — but with shuffled lineups. The league was left open for a renewal of negotiations as a joint announcement by Commissioner Bert Bell of the NFL and Bert Lindheimer, chairman of the AAC executive committee, expressed a desire to establish a common understanding. But no date was set for another meeting.

It was agreed, though, that the fact that representatives of both leagues had sat down with each other for the first time and held an amicable discussion was a step toward an eventual agreement.

Coast Teams Are Stronger in Basketball

New York, Dec. 21 —(AP)—The Big Nine kicked the Pacific Coast Conference boys around a bit during the past football season, but it looks like a different story in basketball.

Stanford, top favorite for the Pacific coast southern division cage title, took on Michigan, the defending Western conference champion, in San Francisco last night. The winner will advance to 35-1.

It was the seventh straight victory for the Indians and the first defeat in five starts for the Wolverines.

North Carolina State, the big wheel of the Southern conference, took a trip all the way out to Reno, Nev., only to learn that Nevadans have a cage combine comparable to their classy football team of the past season.

In a cage-tuck game, a North shot by Warren Carter from the foul line with two minutes to go, furnished the winning margin.

Georgia Tech, a quiet team, was defeated by Southern California in a 35-27 victory. The Mountaineers have lost but one game.

Illinois won its fifth game and avenged its only setback by defeating DePaul of Chicago, 39-31.

Bradley university kept its record unblemished with a 32-57 victory over Texas Christian. It was the sixth straight for the Braves.

In other intercollegiate games, St. Mary's Gaels downed Yale, 74-69, in San Francisco; Notre Dame won its 15th game from Pennsylvania, 55-42, in New York; Minnesota defeated Duquesne, 35-19, and Mississippi won over Navy, 47-40.

BITE FATAL — Police said today that a 3-year-old child, Claude Irvine Chey, died of a bite on the neck. Relatives said the bite was due to a dog bite and had been on a Pine Bluff hospital for past week.

The funeral was planned for this afternoon.

Balls became just as enraged as a white object as a red one. It is the right of a strange figure, not the color, which excites them.

By that he would have a chance, said Mr. Houston.

"The quick check just indicates whether you have ever expressed conservative sentiments," Mr. Houston said, "or belonged to a book club."

"Or belonged to the D. A. R. or criticized Eleanor Roosevelt," said Mr. Houston.

"I suggested, I am afraid, 'Could be,' Mr. Houston said, 'you are in hearty laughter for, needless to say, I was only joking.'"

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Hugh S. Fullerton, Jr.

Legion Edges Laneburg by 56-48 Score

The Hope Legion independents edged a strong Laneburg five 56 to 48 on the Nevada County court last night. It was the second game of a twin bill which saw Willisville barely eke out a 31 to 20 victory of another Laneburg team.

Outstanding player of the game was Hope's Porter, who flipped in 15 points to lead the Legionnaires. He was followed by Reaves with 11 and Vannoy and Genter with 8 each.

Laneburg was led by Fuller with 16 tallies followed by Pule with 12. Monday night the Hope team entertains Laneburg at the high school.

Philadelphia Scapple

One reason why the Eagles handled the ball so cleanly in Sunday's game with the Philadelphia Phillies was that Quarterback Tommy Thompson used one of those chemical "warming pads" on his hands and all the ball-carriers smeared their fingers with some sticky liquid.

The Eagles' Jack Myers, who played college ball at UCLA, saw snow for the first time Sunday — and gosh, what a first sight it was!

Report here says Turk Edwards, the Redskins coach, will be promoted to a job as vice president and a new coach will be hired. Ted Collins also is reported planning to replace Clipper Smith as Yanks coach. Seems the Clipper got clipped too often.

Time to Retire

Otis Douglas, Eagles tackle who is reputed to be one of the oldest professional football players (he's nearly 40) also is one of the busiest. He doubles as Eagles' line coach, boys camp in summer and recent doubles as head coach at the Druxel Tech. So far he hasn't had time to learn how to run the elevator to the Shibe park press box.

Basketball Results

By The Associated Press

Long Island Univ 74 Georgia Tech 60.

NYU 63 Georgia Tech 42. Duquesne 55 Nebraska 49.

Midwest: Cornell 56 Michigan State 45. Minnesota 47 Navy 40. Illinois 88 De Paul 51.

Bradley 82 Texas Christian 57. Notre Dame 55 Pennsylvania 42. Missouri 52 Southern Methodist 40.

Louisville 62 Emporia (Kas.) State 60. Illinois Wesleyan 71 Ottawa (Kas) Univ 68.

South: Virginia 67 George Washington 55. Southwest And Far West: Oklahoma A&M 56 Baylor 40. Oklahoma City Univ 37 Washburn 27.

New Mexico 60 Abilene Christian 48. Oklahoma Baptist 52 St. Mary's of the Wood 40.

Stanford 53 Michigan 51. St. Mary's 74 Yale 68. North Carolina State 49 Nevada 48.

Oregon State 55 Wyoming 30.

Fights Last Night

By The Associated Press

San Antonio, Tex., Valentino, 106, San Francisco, outpointed Albert "Turkey" Thompson, 200, Los Angeles, 15.

Boston — Willie Pep, 130, Hartford, Conn., outpointed Hermie Lopez, 135, Eagle Lake, Me., 10. Miami pit — Bobby Dykes, 146, San Antonio, Tex., stopped Vince La Salva, 134, New York, 5.

By United Press

Lexington, Ky., Al Couture, 153, Lexington, outpointed Phil Rodriguez, 155, Lexington, 10.

Chicago — John Labro, 140, Gary, Ind., outpointed Rudy Zadel, 141, Pittsburgh, 8.

Johnnie Mack — Clem Custer, 134, Detroit, outpointed Al Pennino, 134, Brooklyn, 10.

Providence, R. I. — Jackie Webster, 136, Pawtucket, outpointed Jimmy Corti, 137, Trenton, N. J., 10.

Taft Expected to Keep Party Position

Washington, Dec. 21 —(AP)—Despite threats of party revolt, Senator Charles McNary appeared almost sure today to resign as party leader in the new senate.

The Ohioan was said to have received such assurances of support from McNary's re-election as chairman of the GOP policy committee, an almost foregone conclusion.

This would mean, colleagues said, that so far as the senate is concerned, McNary's resignation was a foregone conclusion. McNary would find opposing many of his policies the same man who clashed bitterly with him in the past over such issues as price controls and labor legislation.

Taft's attitude on the policy making post seemed unlikely to be retained, however, without some kind of compromise with self-styled liberals who have been demanding a greater voice in charting the party course.

Senator Ives of New York, long time supporter of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, predicted at a news conference yesterday that a dozen senators from the Northeast, the Pacific Coast and a few from the center will make their weight felt in party caucus.

Unless Taft reverses his field, he once more will oppose any plan to give the president standby price controls. He may go along—but probably only part of the way—with promised white house suggestions of broadening of social security coverage.

Fires Cause Much Damage in Arkansas

A paint company warehouse and a school building were destroyed in separate fires in Arkansas Monday night.

The warehouse was (at East Arkansas avenue and Magnolia street) in North Little Rock the school building near Batesville.

Fire broke out in the one-story frame warehouse, used by the Little Rock Paint and Wallpaper company, about midnight.

Fanned by a brisk wind and fed by the inflammable materials in the building, the fire spread to the adjoining paint and wallpaper company, which was damaged badly.

Operators of both companies declined to estimate damage.

The seven-room frame high school building was attached gymnasium seating 1500 persons on that of the Desha consolidated school district. The fire started, apparently from a defective fuse, shortly after a basketball game had been completed. The school's permanent records were saved, little else.

Desha Lester, secretary of the school district board, estimated loss at between \$40,000 and \$50,000. He said \$10,000 of insurance was carried.

The Batesville fire department prevented the flames from spreading to an adjoining school building now being constructed.

New Route Is Established to Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Dec. 21 (AP)—A roundabout route has been arranged to enable Christians to make the traditional Christmas Eve pilgrimage from Jerusalem to Bethlehem.

A United Nations communiqué last night said Jews and Arabs seeking a means of permitting the pilgrimage had agreed to open opposing lines between old and new Jerusalem for 24 hours.

By this means Christians in the new city could cross into the old city and proceed to Bethlehem along an Arab legion military road for 10 miles via Bethany.

The traditional, shorter direct route to Bethlehem, which is south of Jerusalem, will not be opened, apparently due to objections by the Egyptian army. U. N. officials are pressing for use of this route, however, and hope to get a reply today.

Almost every foot of the original route is under the guns of Arab and Jewish artillery placed on surrounding hills. The opposing armies, quiet in an uneasy truce, are easily visible from the church of the nativity. Visitors to Bethlehem will be searching for security reasons. The number of pilgrims, sometimes as high as 10,000, will be much smaller this year.

Wilson Estate Suit to Court in January

Little Rock, Dec. 21 —(AP)—Liggett over division of the R. E. L. Wilson estate in Mississippi county will be tried in federal district court here Jan. 11.

The suit was brought by Joseph Wilson Nelson, grandson of the founder of the extensive farm holdings. The suit attacks an agreement under which two daughters of Wilson, Mrs. Victoria Wilson Wesson and Miss Marie Wilson Howells would receive the 7,700-acre Victoria farm property and \$1,000,000 in cash.

Federal Judge T. C. Trimble, after a hearing on a motion to dismiss a temporary injunction obtained by Nelson, yesterday took the motion under advisement and set the case for trial on its merits Jan. 11.

Trustees of the Wilson estate, R. E. L. Wilson, Jr. and James H. Crain, partner to the agreement with Mrs. Wesson and Mrs. Howells also are defendants in Nelson's suit.

Man Held for Exporting a Bomber

Miami, Fla., Dec. 21 —(UP)—The FBI today held a 26-year-old Miami man who is charged in Brownsville, Tex., with illegally exporting an A-20 bomber to Nicaragua for use in an abortive revolution.

U. S. Commissioner Roger Davis ordered a hearing for Jan. 10 in the case of James G. Hunt and set bond at \$500.

Customs agents seized the bomber here May 7 when Hunt attempted to return to this country from Guatemala City. He allegedly had flown the bomber into central America from Brownsville Jan. 1.

The plane carried 15 100-pound bombs and was destined for use in an unsuccessful Nicaraguan revolt, the customs officials said.

Brecheen Also Posts Earned Run Mark

New York, Dec. 21 —(AP)—Harry (The Cat) Brecheen, only left-hander in history to win three games in one World Series, posted the best earned run mark among National League pitchers in the 1948 season.

The stylish left-hander of the St. Louis Cardinals allowed 53 earned runs in 233 innings for a 2.24 mark, tops among moundsmen who pitched ten or more complete games, according to final official averages released today.

Brecheen, who won three games for the Cards against the Boston Red Sox in the 1946 World Series also led the league in shutouts with seven.

The 34-year-old star won 20 games and lost 7, the first time he has hit the 20 mark in his big league career.

Stalin Hale, Hearty at Age of 69

By HENRY SHAPIRO

Moscow, Dec. 21 —(UP)—Premier Josef Stalin is 69 years old today and from all recent reports he is hale, hearty and alert despite his graying hair and arduous life.

Newspapers made no mention of Stalin's birthday. It is not a national holiday, so no flags were unfurled, there were no celebrations or other public observances.

But the Soviet people know he is 69. There is a simple explanation: all Soviet desk calendars starting 1979 — Josef Vissarionovich Stalin born.

BLONDIE

MAMA HAS A HEADACHE. COULD YOU PLEASE LOOK AFTER THINGS WHILE I LIE DOWN?

SURE, MAMA.

MAY I SPEAK TO THE LADY OF THE HOUSE PLEASE?

I'M THE LADY OF THE HOUSE.

AREN'T YOU AWFULLY SMALL TO TAKE CARE OF A BIG HOUSE LIKE THIS?

I JUST HAVE SIX ROOMS AND BATH.

By Chick Young

OZARK IKE

MANY YEARS AGO TWO HUNTERS FIRED AT THE LARGEST BEAR EVER SEEN IN THE OZARKS, BUT ONLY ONE SHOT KILLED THE BEAST... AND ONE SHOT KILLED THEIR DESCENDANTS. TO THIS DAY THEIR DESCENDANTS, THE FATFIELDS AND THE M'BATTS, HAVE BEEN FEUDING OVER POSSESSION OF THE PELT WHICH IS KEPT EACH YEAR BY THE WINNER OF THE ANNUAL FOOTBALL BRAWL.

US M'BATTS ALWAYS WIN!

BUT IF COUSIN OZARK IKE DON'T SHOW UP, WE GOT NO CHANCE AT A SNOWBOWL IN JULY!

US FATFIELDS CAN'T LOSE!

WE'LL SCOOP TH' FUST KICKOFF WITH OUR THE FLYIN' HUDDLE!!

By Ray Gotto

SIDE GLANCES

Dad is reading a book about how to quit worrying—now's the time to hit him for some extra Christmas money!

By Galbraith

CARNIVAL

REGISTERED MAIL

AIR MAIL LOCAL

PARCELS BUT AFTERNOON

That's what I said—to S. Claus, North Pole, registered mail, return receipt requested!

By Dick Turner

FUNNY BUSINESS

He's broke, so I'm having him borrow some money!

By Hershberger

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

HEY THAT'S A GROOVY GAG! I NEVER COULD RESIST A SLIDE!

CHILDREN'S ENTRANCE TO TOY DEPARTMENT

YOU CAN'T DO THAT, MEATBALL! THAT'S FOR KIDS!

SO LONG, PAL! I SEE YOU IN SANTA'S LAP!

HELP! GET ME OUTTA HERE!

By Blosser

POPEYE

THE NEXT RASSLIN' CHAMP DRINKS MILK, AN' HE AIN'T AFRAID OF ANIMALS! THAT'S TWO GOOD SIGNS!!

AHOY! I SEEN YA JUST BIT A TIGER IN HALF!! WAS YA BORN IN A JUNGLE??

NICE DAY INSIDE TODAY AIN'T IT?? YES, SWEET!!

WHAT'S YER NAME??

I'M SORRY, SIR, BUT MY WIFE WON'T LET ME TALK TO STRANGERS!!

Thimble Theater

OUT OUR WAY

I SUPPOSE YOU WANT MAJOR HOOPLE? SORRY SIR, BUT HE'S ATTENDING THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF WHITTLES IN THE NORTH WOODS!

I REPRESENT THE SCHULTZ ENGINEERING CO. AND WE'RE INTERESTED IN A CHEMICAL HE DISCOVERED— I THINK HE CALLED IT A "DENTAL BOMB" BUT I'LL CALL LATER IF—

AWPP!! GREAT CAESAR, TWIGS! STOP THAT MAN!

WHISPER THAT CARRIES HALF A BLOCK—

By J. R. Williams

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

PASSIN' BY YOUR WIFE'S RANCH, SHE GIMME THIS FER YOU— LAW PAPERS, I RECKIN'!

IF SODA THINKS IT'S FUNNY, I DON'T— MAKING HIM THINK IT'S DIVORCE PAPERS WHEN HE KNOWS IT'S TH' DEED TO A RANCH SHE'S GIVIN' SUGAR FOR CHRISTMAS!

I NEVER MEDDLER ID TELL HIM— HE MAY SUFFER FER HOURS ER DAYS BEFORE OPENIN' IT!

LAY IT DOWN— PUT IT ON TH' TABLE!

A MERRY EXCESS

With Major Hoople

VIC FLINT

THIS IS SERGEANT OLSON, OUR LAB CHIEF. FLINT, OF COURSE, HE DOESN'T HAVE A SET-UP LIKE YOUR FORCE UP IN THE CITY.

I DON'T NEED ANY FANCY EQUIPMENT TO GET PRINTS OFF A PERFECT SURFACE LIKE THIS.

IT'S A LIGHT-COLORED SURFACE, SO I USE A BLACK POWDER.

ONE QUICK PUFF, AND THERE ARE YOUR PRINTS!

THE SAME PRINTS AS THE ONES ON THE BOTTLE THAT KILLED WINDY GALE!

THAT CUNCHES IT! HALLYO IS OUR MAN!

I'LL JUST COVER THOSE PRINTS WITH TRANS-PARENT TAPE, THE WAY WE DID THE BOTTLE NECK.

By Michael O'Malley & Ralph Lane

WASH TUBS

HELLO, YES, THIS IS THE CONSTABLE!

DOUBTLESS YOU'VE BEEN ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A CAR STOLEN AT STONEHENGE RECENTLY. IT WAS ABANDONED TONIGHT NORTH O' TOWN...

YOU'LL FIND THE THIEF— SCOOBY-AT THE PUB, WITH A SUITCASE... PROBABLY WAITING FOR THE NEXT BUS. YOU'VE GOT HIS DESCRIPTION, AND MISS BURKE CAN IDENTIFY HIM LATER! HURRY!

WHO IS THIS? HELLO!

WAS POLICE HOLDING SCOOBY ON THAT CHARGE? HIS SPLIT-O' THE MONEY WILL BE IN SAFE HANDS WHILE I'M TRACKING SHEATH DOWN!

By Leslie Turner

DONALD DUCK

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CALIFORNIA NEW YORK WISCONSIN

KANSAS STATE LINE

NEW YORK CALIFORNIA OR BUST?

By Walt Disney

ALLEY OOP

NICE WORK, OOP. SERGEANT POOL'S NECK!

AWRIGHT, NOW THEY GOT THAT BARRAGE OUTTA THEIR EYEN, LET 'EM JUMP IN FOR THEY GET SET FOR ANOTHER...

CHOW LET'S GO!

YIPPEE! WE'LL MOVE 'EM DOWN!

By Edgar Martin

BUGS BUNNY

WHAT LINE / WHAT DEPTH? EXPRESSION!

A MASTERPIECE! WHAT DEPTH, WHAT LINE!

WONDERFUL! WHAT COLOR... CAN'T REASON...

HEY, BUG!

THAT'S A WINDOW!

By J. R. Williams

For Persons Who Believe in Santa Claus

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Dec. 20 — (AP) — A note to anyone who believes in an everlasting Santa Claus.

I know you're busy now buying up a few last minute presents before Christmas.

It's been good shopping, too. People have money and there are bulging. People and stores in this country, I mean.

And I hope you'll have a fine Christmas, comfortable, surrounded by your family and friends, and with rich, good food.

But on Christmas day if you're going to make one wish about all others, as a lot of people do, let me suggest this one:

That next Christmas and all your Christmases be as good and cheerful and peaceful for you as this one. Wish hard for that.

Maybe that sounds a little silly, like the boy's wish of a witch knocking on your window pane in the moonlight. I don't mean it to be.

But I know how easy it is to feel cozy in your own warm house on Christmas day, and forget what's happening in the street outside.

It happened on my own street. The other night I was talking with a couple of neighbors, a man and his wife, who are very happy, earnest people.

She had been shopping all day for their son. And the husband expects a pay raise. So the future looks pretty good and solid to them.

She talked about Christmas and democracy. She's a great believer in both. And she seemed to think hard, I think, not to think of them.

both are perfectly safe forever, at least here.

She had no doubts about it. And putting together all she said, she said something like this:

If anybody tries to interfere with us, we certainly can take care of them, and in three, when everything is the way she wants it to be, we may have a big job on our hands.

I asked her to wipe her wind shield while I told her this story.

At this minute we're like a man caught between two automobiles, both owned by Communists. They are meeting up on him. We'll try to keep from getting crushed, but we'll have to be strong to do it.

To the east of us—we're trying to keep Communism, which has taken over half of Europe, from taking the other half.

To the west of us—we're practically helpless to stop the Chinese Communists, who've taken over half of China, from taking the other half.

Already 50,000,000 people are living under Communism and the figure soon may be 750,000,000. While there are only about 147,000,000 of us here.

In China, with its population of 450,000,000, now 30,000,000 are under the Communists and the other 25,000,000 will be if the Communists win, as they seem likely to.

Russia's 200,000,000 are under Communism and the rest of the 50,000,000 are in the countries of Europe run by the Communists.

Even in western Europe there is no solid wall of democracy. Franco's Spain is Fascist and its next door neighbor, Portugal, is under "strong man" control.

And of the 20 Latin American republics in our own western hemisphere just south of us, seven are under military or "strong man" rule.

My neighbor's wife, in one way or another, was aware of these things before I mentioned them. She had tried, she said, to tell me.

She looked solemn when I finished, "I hope I didn't spoil your Christmas," I said.

"No," she said, "I think that keeping these things fresh in the top of my mind will help me value my Christmas this year a little more."

Here and There in Arkansas

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 20 — (UP) — Little David Stanford's hero today was his pet dog.

The three year old boy had slipped away into the pig pen while his father was shucking corn in his north Mississippi farm. Suddenly Stanford heard terrifying screams. Father and dog raced into the pen.

Stanford was helpless. The dog barked and snarled at a large surly hog who had Dwight's head in his mouth. The hog was shaking Dwight like a "nut shakes a mouse" Stanford said.

The dog distracted the hog, and the father rescued his son. Dwight was taken to a hospital here from his home, suffering from lacerations on the head.

Hot Springs, Dec. 20 (AP) — Charges against two Hot Springs men of operating a gambling house were returned in Garland Circuit court today.

Harry Leonopolis and George Pakis were convicted instead of pleading guilty. Leonopolis was fined \$1,000 and given a year's suspended sentence.

Leonopolis received a \$2,075 fine and three months suspended sentence.

Haven, Ark., Dec. 20 — (AP) — A light private airplane made a forced landing in a rice field at Fayetteville, Ark., about 30 miles southeast of Little Rock, late yesterday.

Deputy Sheriff Joe Harper of Haven said the pilot, Kenneth Gibson, 26, of Kingston, Okla., and an unidentified male companion appeared injured.

Gibson rented the plane from the Thome Williams Flying Service at Stuttgart yesterday afternoon.

Girl Seen With Man Shortly Before Murder

Chicago, Dec. 20 — (AP) — A bartender told police today he saw 10-year-old Roberta Rincerson with a man Friday night, a few hours before her ravished body was found.

Sgt. John Sello of the Cook county sheriff's police said William Millay, bartender at El Rando, a

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For Fast Fire Fighting

Portable, hand fire extinguishers generally are carried by fire engines so firemen can extinguish small blazes quickly and efficiently.

Some Find There Really Is a Santa

By United Press

Reports indicated today that there really is a Santa Claus — a lot of them, in fact.

For instance, there is Michael Goldenberg, head of a Philadelphia shoe manufacturing firm.

Five pairs of ice skates Mrs. Joseph Washburn bought for her four children disappeared from her car while she was Christmas shopping.

Goldenberg heard about it and replaced the skates valued at \$34.75.

At Washington, Army Secretary Kenneth C. Royall announced Christmas clearance for 450 army and air force prisoners. He ordered that every effort be made to release the men in time for their families.

Those who will be released are prisoners with good conduct records, and whose sentences would expire before next March 1.

At New York, a little girl who didn't give her name sent \$1 to a newspaper's "wonder cases" fund with a note which said:

"I made some cookies and sold them for money to send you."

The post office at New York is sending out letters addressed to Santa Claus so that well-wishers can pick them up and oblige needy youngsters.

An Indianapolis bicycle manufacturer who was about ready to scrap 250 old bicycles, frames changed his mind. John S. Matthews and an employee are working night to complete the bicycles.

Providence just north of suburban All. Prospect identified Roberta's picture as that of the girl who entered his place with the man.

Sello said Millay gave him a detailed description of the man who was about 20 to 35 years old, neat and blonde. He said the two ate hamburgers, and the man attempted to buy liquor for the girl, but was refused.

Meanwhile, police sought a battered old automobile and checked tire tracks and a man's handkerchief, the principle clues found near the place where the young rape-victim was dumped.

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in time to distribute them to poor children for Christmas.

At Lebanon, Ore., merchants and the Elks lodge set up a Christmas tree in the grocery store occupied by the Lytle Stephens family since their house burned down Dec. 8.

The family moved to Lebanon after the youngest child died of cancer in Washington state. The four other Stephens children said they didn't believe in Santa, but their parents said, "we think maybe there is one."

A Little Rock, Ark., members of the Hairdressers and Cosmetologists association have been touring the hospitals and welfare institutions giving permanent waves to women and girls.

'Gentlemen's Agreement' Best Show of Year

New York, Dec. 20 — (UP) —

"Gentlemen's Agreement" was selected today in the annual Film Daily poll as the best motion picture of 1948.

Second place went to "Johnny Belinda" and third to "I Remember Mama." The trade paper said 377 reviewers and critics for news papers, magazines, wire services and syndicates, and 131 commentators for radio took part in the 27th annual poll to select the year's

10 best pictures.

"Gentlemen's Agreement," which took 278 of the 508 votes cast in the poll, also won the motion picture academy's "oscar" as the best production for a 12-month period and it was selected as a "best" by the New York film critics.

Moss Hart wrote the screen play from Laura Z. Hobson's novel, and Julia Kazan directed the picture. Other pickers in the top ten were:

"Treasure of Sierra Madre"; "Hamlet"; "The Naked City"; "Sitting Pretty"; "State of the Union"; "Call Northside 777" and "The Bishop's Wife."

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